

English 10 Honors Summer Reading Assignment (50 points)

Due Date: September 9, 2024

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Your essay should meet the following requirements:

- computer generated, double spaced, Times New Roman, font 12, 3-4 pages long (**This means you must reach the bottom of the third page.**)
- single-spaced, left-justified heading with your name, English 10 Honors, and your teacher's name
- centered title (**Do not add any other elements to the heading; no title pages.**)
- include both introductory and concluding paragraphs
- include **a thesis statement** which makes an argument about the topic below. This should be a complex statement with multiple parts.
- meet the requirements of the rubric

Be sure to:

- Establish a specific claim.
- Distinguish your claim from opposing or alternate claims.
- Use relevant evidence from **all four** of the texts provided.
- Include citations by text number for all quoted and paraphrased information used in your essay; example: (Text 1)
- Submit original writing (plagiarized and AI generated work will receive no credit)

Essay

In preparation for the Regents Exam, the AP Language Exam, and the IB Language and Literature assessments, you will read four nonfiction articles and write a source-based argument.

Topic: Should TikTok be banned?

In other words, your thesis will make a specific argument about the potential benefits and/or dangers of TikTok. This is not a personal response that is based on your thoughts and opinions (do not use first-person perspective in this essay). You should not include research outside of these articles. Rather, your essay will take into account the facts, views, and analyses expressed in these articles.

To support your argument, you may want to consider analyzing the tone of the authors, structure of the arguments, and nature of the evidence that they present. All of these factors are connected to the writers' perspectives on this subject.

Do not simply summarize each text. Use specific evidence (quotes and paraphrased ideas) from the texts to support your thesis statement.

This assignment is posted on the Class of 2027 Google Classroom page. You can access the text links on that document.

Sources:

Text 1: "Why U.S. officials want to ban TikTok"

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/tiktok-ban-congress-reasons-why/>

Text 2: "Why the TikTok ban is a terrible idea"

<https://www.freepress.net/blog/why-tiktok-ban-terrible-idea>

Text 3: "Banning TikTok Would Do Basically Nothing to Protect Your Data"

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/tiktok-ban-data-privacy-security/>

Text 4: "5 reasons we should ban TikTok as soon as possible"

<https://thehill.com/opinion/technology/4605557-5-reasons-why-we-should-ban-tiktok-as-soon-as-possible/>

It is important that you do two things:

- 1) Maintain a rational, evidence-based tone. Do not let your personal thoughts and perspectives dominate your essay. This is a text-based essay.
- 2) Realize that these articles express ideas, but they are not intended to be the ultimate or definitive word on this subject.